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From:

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RE: Juneau Road project and Gravina Bridge in Ketchikan .

I am flabbergasted with the proposal to spend the meager recourses of the states transportation budget on a road out of Juneau to nowhere and a bridge to Gravina Isl. These projects are not going to enhance the infrastructure of our state in any meaningful way. They reek of pork and are very poor allocations of the funds available. I am very disappointed in the leadership of this state who have allowed this to go this far and urge all to stop these projects before they become an anchor around our financial necks and a real drag on our system here in Southeast.

The Juneau Road allocations should be zeroed out. The road is unnecessary, unsafe, unreliable, and unwanted. The bridge out of Ketchikan costs too much and uses monies that should go to more essential transportation priorities. Money should be put back in place to replace the LeConte to serve northern Southeast (\$46 million). Money should be allocated for a new mainline ferry for the Bellingham run (\$123 million). Improvements to the Lutak Road should be fully funded and done on schedule. Safety and congestion improvements to the Seward, Parks, Glenn and Alaska Highways should be fully funded and done on schedule.

Please do not fetter away our resources on projects that will benefit only a few privileged folks and saddle the citizens of this state with infrastructure that they do not need nor can they afford to maintain in the years to come

Sincerely

Mark Sizemore

Cc: Bill Thomas, Albert Kookesh, Governor Murkowski

